(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes, sir. The Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) has been initiated in the current financial year. The Scheme has three components: (i) Backward Districts Initiative which is being operated on a pilot basis in the current year covering 25 districts of 12 States; (ii) Special Plan for Bihar; (iii) Special Plan for the Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa which have now been divided into eight districts, namely Kalahandi, Nuapada, Bolangir, Sonepur, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Malkangiri and Rayagada.

As this is a new initiative, only Rs. 50 crore has been released so far for the Special Plan for the KBK districts for Orissa. Further release of funds under the various components of the scheme will depend on factors such as preparation of viable plans, progress of schemes, submission of progress reports, etc.

**Allocation to Gujarat**

2317. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita amount allocated for agriculture and rural development during the last three years, especially for drought prone areas of Gujarat; and

(b) the amount demanded by the State and the amount sanctioned by the Planning Commission for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The per capita allocation under DPAP in Gujarat for agriculture and rural development during the last

3 years are as given below;

| | 1999-2000 | | 2000-01 | | 2001-02 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Allocation | Per Capita Allocation | Allocation | Per Capita Allocation | Allocation | Per Capita Allocation |
| Agriculture | 3647.77 | 26.09 | 5614.27 | 39.86 | 4641.07 | 32.95 |
| Rural Dev | 4924.00 | 34.96 | 6724.00 | 47.74 | 6724.50 | 47.74 |

(b) There was no specific demand from the State Government with reference to (a) above.

**Achievements of Madhya Pradesh**

2318. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh has lately earned appreciation of the Planning Commission with marked improvement in respect of various social indications like literacy, health, material mortality and school enrolments;

(b) if so, the details of the social indications taken note by the Planning Commission, indicating the achievements made by the State in respect of the different indicators;

(c) whether the State Government has submitted any specific proposals to extricate the State out of the BIMARU category; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Central aid sought for implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) In the meeting between Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh held on 27-2-2002 for finalization of Annual Plan 2002-03 of Madhya Pradesh, the State Government was appreciated for Padhana-Badhana Andolan, Education Guarantee Scheme and other related measures taken by them, which led to improvement in literacy rate from 44.2 in 1991 to 64 in 2001.